

CSAP'S Northeast CAPT Virtual Learning Series

Audio Conference

Cultural/Ethnic Adaptations of Model Programs

September 8, 2004

I. Overview:

This audio conference is for prevention providers, coalitions, and State Incentive Grant (SIG) recipients who are interested in developing and implementing culturally appropriate prevention approaches. Research on model programs indicates that not all model programs are effective with different ethnic populations. Through this audio conference participants will learn about several approaches for planning and implementing evidence based programs to address cultural diversity within and across various groups within your community including cultural competency, cultural representation, and multiculturalism. The audio conference is an interactive learning event that provides participants with the opportunity to ask questions and learn from prevention experts as well as other individuals in the field of prevention. Through this event participants will have the opportunity to explore the role of culture in prevention and will gain resources and tools they can use in their programs.

II. Objectives:

Participants will:

- Identify guidelines for culturally adapting model programs including planning, implementing core components with fidelity and evaluation
- Identify the barriers and solutions to culturally adapting model programs
- Increase their understanding of the different approaches to implementing evidence based prevention programs including cultural matching, cultural inclusion and multiculturalism.
- Gain resources and tools for approaching and implementing culturally appropriate prevention approaches

III. Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions—Carol Oliver, Northeast CAPT, Technical Assistance and Training Manager
- Overview and research findings on approaches to implementing evidence based programs to address cultural diversity within communities— Deborah McLean Leow, Assistant Director of the Northeast CAPT
 - Cultural Competency – Sandra Del Sesto - Human Ecology Associates and Initiatives for Human Development
 - Cultural representation— Lynn McDonald FAST
 - Multiculturalism— Lawrence Murray, CASA at Columbia University

- Adapting model programs, insight from a developer – Lynn McDonald – FAST
- Review of participant questions and discussion topics—Carol Oliver
- Discussion of participants questions – all participants—Deb McLaineLeow/
- Preview of cultural adaptation satellite broadcast- Carol Oliver
- Closure—Carol Oliver

IV. Presenters:

Deborah McLean Leow – Associate Director of the Northeast CAPT

Deborah McLean Leow Deborah McLean Leow has worked with state and community providers and leaders for the past six years to apply effective prevention approaches that meet local needs. Ms McLean Leow is a social worker by profession and has worked in the prevention field for over 10 conducting service delivery, program development and coordination, training and technical assistance, and workforce development in both substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Ms. McLean Leow earned her MSW from Syracuse University and her BA in sociology from Hobart and William Smith Colleges . Previous to her work with EDC, Ms. McLean Leow served as special assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs at Syracuse University coordinating a federally-funded grant to reduce substance abuse among college students. She was instrumental in developing a comprehensive program including a university-wide policy on alcohol, other drugs and tobacco, a referral and intervention program for students-at-risk, and a campus-community coalition. During her six years at Syracuse , Ms. McLean Leow ran peer-based HIV/AIDS prevention programs, conducted HIV/AIDS testing counseling, and coordinated a community-based HIV/AIDS prevention research project for socially/economically disadvantaged women. She is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Substance Abuse Leadership Fellow.

Lynn McDonald – FAST

Lynn McDonald has formal education and family education which has helped to shape her professional work. She says she learned to think about things as a philosophy major at Oberlin College in the 1960's; she got a Master's Degree in Social Work from University of Maryland-Baltimore where she learned traditional casework, family systems work, group work, and community development skills. Each of these is a distinct strategy and approach to social change. In 1976 she was awarded a Ph.D. in Psychology from the School of Social Sciences at the University of California-Irvine, a unique cross-disciplinary approach to research. She likes taking theory and research out of the ivory tower and into the communities to help effectively address social problems, and then evaluate the outcomes.

She has been a family therapist, a child therapist, and a community worker. She has been a social work faculty member (University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1975-87), a family therapy professor (Edgewood College, 1996-ongoing), and a senior scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the School of Education (1996-ongoing). In a local community mental health agency for 10 years (1986-96), Dr. McDonald developed, piloted, evaluated, researched and disseminated several non-traditional, community-based, family systems based, approaches to mental health service delivery for young children (ages 3-14). One of these was a prevention-early intervention program she developed in 1988, at Family Service, Madison,

WI, and it has since become internationally recognized. This early intervention program, Families and Schools Together (FAST), uses a multi-family group approach. She is also chairman of the board for the non-profit FAST National Training and Evaluation Center based in Madison, WI, which has disseminated FAST to over 600 communities in 38 states and 5 countries.

Lawrence Murray – CASA Columbia University

Lawrence F. Murray is a CASA Fellow, and is primarily responsible for the development and implementation of CASASTART, a substance abuse and violence prevention program. He has been a human service professional since 1972, working on issues that relate to children, families, community safety, and comprehensive service integration. During his career, Mr. Murray has developed several award winning program models and has served in executive management positions at the community, municipal and state levels.

Mr. Murray is a Fellow at The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University. In this position he manages the development of CASASTARTsm (Striving Together to Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows). During his tenure, CASASTARTsm has been recognized as an Exemplary Program by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, an office of the Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the U.S. Department of Education Expert Panel on Safe, Disciplined, and Drug-Free Schools.

Prior to joining CASA, Mr. Murray served as Urban Hub Director at the Washington Business Group On Health, where he was responsible for consulting with and overseeing the delivery of training and technical assistance program in seven cities that are developing comprehensive community-based systems of care for children with serious emotional and behavioral problems.

Mr. Murray has also served as Assistant Commissioner for Community Based Services at the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice; as Associate Commissioner for the New York State Office of Mental Health; as Director of Post Institutional/Runaway and Homeless Youth Services at the Nassau County Youth Board; and as Assistant Director at Big Brothers/Sisters of Nassau County.

Sandra Del Sesto – Human Ecology Associates

Sandra Del Sesto is the founder and executive director of Human Ecology Associates and Initiatives for Human Development in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. In this role, she provides training, community and strategic planning, program development and capacity building in the area of prevention and she has also developed curriculum and programs for high-risk youth and families. Ms. Del Sesto is also the founder and administrator of the Rhode Island Teen Institute. Ms. Del Sesto is also a co-developer of a CSAP Exemplary Program targeting low literacy immigrant parents. She received her BA in psychology from Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, and her M.Ed. in counselor education from Rhode Island College in Providence, Rhode Island. She also holds a certificate in management from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Ms. Del Sesto's publication credits include R.I. Community Plan for HIV Prevention, 1994-2002, and RI Community Plan for Substance Abuse Prevention, 1994; she was the primary author on both. She is a trainer for five other national organizations and works in various prevention areas.

V. Registration Instructions:

Register for the audio conference at <http://ww4.premconf.com/webbrsvp/> using Confirmation Code 302777 or by calling 800-776-0700 and selecting option 3

VI. Resources:

Web Sites

<http://www.northeastcapt.org/pod/default.asp>

<http://www.captus.org/>

www.health.org

Model Programs

<http://modelprograms.samhsa.gov>

Model Programs with outcomes in ethnic populations

<http://modelprograms.samhsa.gov>http://www.northeastcapt.org/pdf/ethnic_populations_list.pdf

FAST Program

<http://www.fastprogram.org>

<http://www.wcer.wisc.edu/fast/who/NativeAmericanFAST.pdf>

FAQ's

<http://www.northeastcapt.org/PRODUCTS/faq/faq65.html>

Substance abuse among diverse populations

<http://www.northeastcapt.org/PRODUCTS/faq/faq28.html>

Health education resources in different languages

<http://www.northeastcapt.org/PRODUCTS/faq/faq76.html>

Resources for prevention practitioners in Latino Communities

<http://www.northeastcapt.org/PRODUCTS/faq/faq58.html>

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